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RE: Temporary Helistop Application

Mr. Lawson,

The Department of Aviation (DOA) has reviewed your application for completeness and has also evaluated the noise impact on areas within 4,000 feet of the proposed helistop location that are considered environmentally and noise sensitive. Below are conditions that should met before an approval can be considered:

The proposed location is located adjacent to the Barton Creek Greenbelt which is an environmentally sensitive area. Please ensure your proposed operation does not create a material risk on the environment.

The noise impact on noise sensitive areas was evaluated based on your application's proposed number of operations per day, approach and departure routes, and the type of helicopter(s) used during the event. The noise model created indicates there are potentially three office buildings adjacent to the helistop site that are within the 75 dB noise contour. As such, the DOA is requesting a letter from each property manager acknowledging the proposed helicopter operations from November 15, 2013 through November 17, 2013.

Noise sensitive areas outside the 65 dB noise contour but within the 4,000 feet radius have also been identified by the DOA. These areas include the Austin Nature and Science Center; Park Hills Baptist Church, which is impacted on Sunday morning, November 17, 2013; the Barton Hills Neighborhood Association; the Zilker Neighborhood Association; the City of Rollingwood; and the City of Westlake. It is recommended that these entities be contacted directly by you to discuss and/or identify proposed fly quiet routes and any additional noise abatement strategies for each area.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Thank you,

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